

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in light of the remarks below.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 13, 14, 25-28, 30, 32 35, 50, 51, 53-55, 62, and 63 are pending in this application. Claims 51, 53-54, and 62-63 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 13, 14, 25-28, 30, 32 35, 50 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Applicants respectfully disagree with Examiner's arguments. Applicants would like to point out that the language cited by Examiner, "in no more than 15 amino acid residues," was removed by amendment in an Applicant's response dated December 19, 2008 to a prior Office Action. As presently presented, claim 1 provides a Factor VII or Factor VIIa polypeptide variant having the modification L65Q.

It is thus submitted that the claims meet the requirements of 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 2 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the same reason above that claim 1 does not recite the language cited by Examiner.

It is thus submitted that the claims 2 and 35 meets the requirements of 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request reexamination of the present application, reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejections and objections, and entry of the amendments. Should there be any further matter requiring consideration, Examiner Robinson is invited to contact the undersigned counsel.

If there are any further fees due in connection with the filing of the present reply, please charge the fees to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 03-4000. If a fee is required for an extension of time not accounted for, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to undersigned's deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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